



# Texas ChalleNGe Academy National Guard Youth Program

## About TCA?

The Texas ChalleNGe Academy (TCA) is a voluntary, 5 ½ month residential program for 16-18-year-old students across the state of Texas who are struggling to find success in a traditional high school. TCA collaborates with Rice CISD to provide academic opportunities to recover/earn credits and advance towards earning a high school diploma or a GED. TCA is a rigorous, quasi-military structured program with a curriculum that integrates eight core components: Academic Excellence, Life Coping Skills, Health & Hygiene, Physical Fitness, Job Skills, Leadership/Followership, Service to Community, and Responsible Citizenship.

## Our Mission Statement

**“Reclaiming the potential of young adults through education, training, mentoring, and service to the community.”**



## Program Structure

Texas ChalleNGe Academy is a 17 ½ month long program

- 5 ½ months Residential
- 12 months post residential
- Quasi Military Structure
- Co-Ed Program
- No military obligation
- Tuition Free
- 2 Classes per year (July & January)
- Academic Opportunities
- Earn/Recover Credits
- Eligible students may earn a HS diploma or GED

## Requirements

- Resident of the United States & Texas
- 16-18 years old on start date
- At risk of dropping out, behind on credits, disengaged in school
- No felonies, no significant involvement with the law
  
- Physically/mentally capable of completing the program

## Application Process

1. Attend Presentation
2. Submit a complete cadet application
3. Schedule a student interview
4. Receive Acceptance Letter within 3 weeks
5. Receive Reporting Instructions and Packing List

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Version of Yourself”**

## Contact Us

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